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1. There are indications that the so-called "Parteikabinette der SED" (SED Party Cabinets) are centered around propaganda activities for the SED. The SED differentiates between "propaganda" and "agitation". Propaganda is theoretical training in the ideological fundamentals of Marxism and practical application of the doctrine. Agitation is the daily continuance of publicity and activity, for example propaganda activities for plebiscites or elections, promotion of overfulfilment of work norms, and request for voluntary extra-shifts.
2. Party cabinets exist in all SED Bezirke and SED Kreis headquarters and in several major enterprises, and with party organizations (Betriebsparteiorganisationen, some of them as high as Kreis headquarters) as well as with the ZK of the SED in all probability. All cabinets are subordinate to the "Propaganda" division; each cabinet has a permanent leader.
3. The cabinets are located in the training rooms of official buildings and are generally called "Parteikabinett der Bezirksleitung" or "Parteikabinett der Kreisleitung". Lectures are given in these rooms and the cabinet manager generally sends out invitations to these lectures. Participants are recruited from people who are familiar with the subject being treated. Law experts of state organizations will attend lectures on Marxist public law; lectures on labor law are attended by leaders of the labor division of nationalized enterprises. Lectures are given on specified subjects as well as on subjects of general political interest.
4. The cabinets furthermore engage in organizing exhibitions and make available catalogues of all available libraries and bibliographical files.
5. Another special feature of the cabinets is the organization of "party training years". Participants are organized into circles and their leaders receive special training in pedagogical and political matters. ~~Weekend training for circle leaders~~ is held prior to the beginning of training years. ~~Leaders of other training agencies~~ ~~are also instructed in these courses and special propaganda groups are also~~ instructed in ~~these~~ courses or in lecture series.

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6. The party cabinets play an important role in correspondence courses offered as a substitute for college courses or for courses offered by party high schools and colleges. Students taking such courses may consult their nearest party cabinet on all questions. The cabinets also supervise the progress of students taking such correspondence courses. This supervisory work is being done by a special "lecturer collective", which includes several official propagandists and a number of unpaid assistants. Reliable comrades of this group are occasionally charged with the presentation of lectures on their special field of work. At the colleges, "comrade"-professors are available.

7. The cabinets do not perform any practical political activities. By following the courses (in particular those by cabinets of Bezirks headquarters or the ZK) it is possible to gain an impression of the political line and the intentions pursued by the SED since all subjects are treated with a view to their practical application.

~~These courses are held for anyone who wants to attend, even~~

~~if they are not members of the SED.~~

to be a member of the SED.

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